

AMENDMENTS

In The Claims

Please cancel Claims 3, 14, and 15.

Please amend Claims 1, 4-7, 13, 16, and 17 as follows:

Sub A/b
1. (Once Amended) A mat comprising:

at least one layer of a material having a generally flat top surface and a generally flat bottom surface;

the bottom surface having at least one substantially cylindrical recession therein.

4. (Once Amended) The mat as described in Claim 1 wherein said at least one recession

is located on at least one of a plurality of straight rows on said bottom surface and wherein said plurality of straight rows are parallel to each other.

Sub B
5. (Once Amended) The mat as described in Claim 1 further comprising a top layer and

wherein a top surface of said top layer is bonded with a third layer selected from the group consisting of yarn, carpet, and fabric.

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6. (Once Amended) The mat as described in Claim 1 wherein said mat further comprises a first and second layer of said material, each layer having a top surface and a bottom surface, the top surface of said first layer being bonded to the bottom surface of said second layer.

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A2 Sub B1
7. (Once Amended) The mat as described in Claim 5 wherein said mat further comprises a bottom layer, wherein a top surface of the bottom layer is bonded to a bottom surface of the top layer.

A3 Sub B1
13. (Once Amended) The mat as described in Claim 2 wherein said material of at least one layer is impregnated with anti-bacterial materials.

Sub B1
16. (Once Amended) A process for producing a mat according to Claim 6, comprising the steps of:

supplying the first layer of material;
press molding the first layer of material;
supplying the second layer of material; and
laminating said first layer and said second layer of material; and
curing said mat.

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17. (Once Amended) The process for producing a mat according to Claim 16, further comprising the step of pricking said first layer and said second layer.